

TRIBUTE TO ST. MARY QUEEN OF
PEACE CHURCH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford, MI, as it celebrates the golden jubilee. This is certainly an important milestone in the history of St. Mary's, as well as the Kingsford community. I was pleased that I could be in Kingsford on August 12, 1995, with Bishop Garland, Bishop Schmitt, Father Nomellini, all clergy, and the parish community to celebrate 50 years of honoring God and serving God's people.

When St. Mary Queen of Peace Church was dedicated on August 12, 1945, amid the splendor of a Catholic ritual, it was the culmination of many years of efforts by the local community. Prior to that time, there were two downtown parishes in Iron Mountain, St. Mary and St. Joseph. Local parishioners found that the distances that had to be traveled to St. Mary and St. Joseph were a serious impediment to attending Sunday mass. It soon became clear, as the Kingsford area became more populated, that there was a need for a separate parish for Catholic families.

In 1940, working with the permission of his bishop, Iron Mountain's Reverend Pelissier established a mission station in Kingsford Heights and placed in charge his assistant—your friend, my father's friend, and later the pastor of this parish—Rev. Arnold Thompson. As many of you know, and as I mentioned at Father Thompson's jubilee celebration, Father Thompson and my father were in seminary together. I am living proof that my father did not complete the seminary. My connection with this parish goes back even further, because my father taught Father Joe Gouin. Because of these ties, the Stupak family is always welcomed and made to feel part of the St. Mary Queen of Peace family.

It was Reverend Thompson who impressed upon the people of this pioneer congregation their obligation in laying the ground work for the future parish. In 1941, five lots were purchased, and by 1942, mass was being offered every Sunday in a local community building by Rev. Arnold Thompson. Soon, catechism groups and a religious vacation school were organized. The enthusiasm for a separate parish ran high, and a fund was started for the planning and construction of a new church.

Anxious to be declared a parish in its own right, the community secured a residence for a priest if the bishop would send one. Progress being made by the people of Kingsford so pleased the Bishop Francis Wagner, that he deemed it time to send the resident priest and formally erect the parish. On June 14, 1944, His Excellency, the Bishop of Marquette, issued the decree that formed St. Mary Queen of Peace parish in Kingsford Heights, and Rev. Gerald Harrington was appointed as its first pastor.

The work of excavation began in August 1944 on the lots purchased in 1941, and the decorative cornerstone, containing documents of parish, diocesan, and national history, was laid in October. Many distinguished clergymen from the Midwest were present to celebrate the occasion.

On August 12, 1945, the beautiful church of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church was dedicated. Future pastors, including the second resident priest, Rev. Thomas Anderson, contributed to the internal decoration of the church, such as the striking stained glass windows.

Fifty years later, we are celebrating not only the construction of this church, but more important, we are paying tribute to the profound effect this church has had on the Kingsford community. This church and its theological leaders have provided spiritual guidance and religious education to this community for 50 years, and that is truly something to celebrate.

In 1995, this Nation is faced with a variety of problems that affect our families and our young people. That's why it is so important to have a center of worship. This church provides a foundation of faith that is necessary in today's society.

So today, I am pleased to pay tribute to the leaders of this church and its parishioners for the enormous contributions they have made to the Kingsford community and Marquette diocese. And I hope my family and I are invited back to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the St. Mary Queen of Peace Church.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring the parish community of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church as they celebrate its golden jubilee.

RECOGNITION OF MIAMI
UNIVERSITY IN OXFORD, OH

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the significant contributions made by Miami University in Oxford, OH. As one of us is a proud alumnus of this institution and the other has the privilege of representing it in Congress, we know firsthand that the rankings and honors are well deserved. We jointly submit our appreciation and acknowledgement of the efforts taken by the staff, students, and administration. Their combined work has earned them a top twenty rating by both The Fiske Guide to Colleges and Money magazine as one of the Nation's best educational values. Yet another accolade came this week with U.S. News and World Report ranking Miami University as the 9th most efficient school nationally. Considering the caliber of schools this fine institution competes with, one easily sees that all of Ohio benefits from such a productive and rewarding partnership. We feel that the quality of higher education is being vigorously upheld and improved upon by Miami University and all the other fine institutions recently listed among this Nation's best. We wholeheartedly wish them continued success.

PASSAGE OF TEAM ACT MAKES
SENSE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House passed H.R. 743, the Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act of 1995. This legislation represents a symbolic end to the era of confrontation between worker and employer and the dawning of a new era of mutual participation that will help secure our status as a world leader for decades to come.

Gone are the days when management's greatest adversary was located on the floor of its own company. Today, corporations, such as IBM, Texas Instruments, and Eastman Kodak, indicate that they could not compete internationally if it were not for tapping the creativity and knowledge of their own labor forces.

Unfortunately, rulings issued by National Labor Relations Board prohibited labor-management cooperation committees under the National Labor Relations Act. In essence, the NLRB barred employees from participating in the decisionmaking process for issues that affect them directly. This, Mr. Speaker, is a throwback to the 1930's where union busting was common place and employees were merely cogs in the machine. It is inconsistent with the 1990 workplace where the benefit of employee management cooperation is widely recognized by both sides.

The TEAM Act was created in an attempt to clarify to the NLRB and other Federal agencies the legality of these employee involvement structures. It permits an employer to interact with employees on matters of mutual interest. This legislation does not impede the right of employees to select their own representatives or their own bargaining agent. In fact, provisions were included in the act that specifically state no labor-management cooperation committee can engage in collective bargaining nor act as exclusive representatives of the employees.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be a cosponsor of legislation that will increase communication between management and employees. This can only enhance the working conditions and productivity of companies and their employees. I believe the TEAM Act is a well-crafted vehicle to usher in a new era in employee management relations and congratulate my colleagues for writing and passing this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, because of my attendance, as a member and co-chair of the congressional delegation, at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing earlier this month, I missed several votes. For the benefit of my constituents, I ask that the record reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall 636, ordering the previous question, Yes;